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SAINT PATRICK
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SUNDAY MASSES Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury

8:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. or call the rectory for an appointment

MISSION STATEMENT

As part of the Archdiocese of Hartford facing the needs of a changing society and changing Church, aware of our uniqueness embracing the towns of Washington and Roxbury with many weekend residents as well as full-time resident families, conscious of being blessed with material and natural bounty, recognizing the special opportunities available in the setting of small towns dedicated to the spirit of ecumenism, we see our mission to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, especially the Eucharist, through education, supporting parents in their role as the primary educators of their children as they prepare for their first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, through social action building community among parish members, reaching out to Catholics not affiliated with the parish, and cooperating with the other churches in our towns, especially in addressing the needs of the community with a particular emphasis to reach out to those with special needs.

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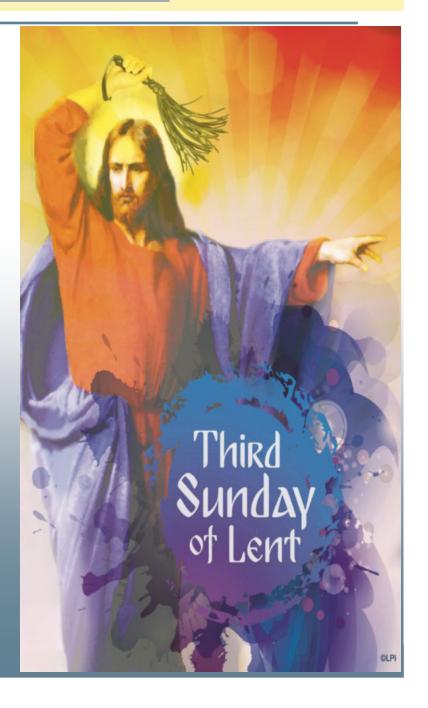
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 22

SUNDAY VIGIL

5:00 p.m. **Souls in Purgatory**+

SUNDAY MARCH 23

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury

Souls in Purgatory+

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Raymond Kozak+ - 6th Anniversary

req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family

TUESDAY MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. John Taylor+

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26

9:00 a.m. Sheehy Family+

THURSDAY MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. William & Denise Bader+

FRIDAY MARCH 28

(A Day of Abstinence)
James Clarke+

9:00 a.m. **James Clarke+** 6:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY MARCH 29

9:00 a.m. Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+

SUNDAY VIGIL

5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sick & Elderly of the Parish

SUNDAY MARCH 30

Laetare Sunday

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury

Deceased of the Parish+

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10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Souls in Purgatory+

"CONFESSION DAY"

Confessions are heard every Monday during Lent from 6 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.
Catholics are obligated to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Communion at least once a year, especially during the Easter season.



A ROSARY FOR PEACE IS SAID EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 A.M. AT OUR LADY. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WON'T YOU COME AND PRAY WITH US?

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, on a weekday or on a weekend, contact the rectory office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Weekday Masses - \$15 * Weekend Masses - \$25

KEEP INFORMED ABOUT YOUR PARISH Don't forget to check out our parish website occasionally. www.ourlady-stpatrick.org



March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differ-

ences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

PARISH COLLECTIONS Weekend of March 15 / 16

Weekend Collection 2,232.
Online Giving 853.
Total 3,085.

May God bless you in your generosity.

The second collection next weekend will be the CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.

The funds from this collection assist people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution, and extreme poverty. These funds benefit six Catholic agencies that offer aid to vulnerable people in the United States and overseas. To learn about projects supported by these funds in 2024, please visit: https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Your participation in this collection is vital to the Catholic initiatives that reveal Christ's love to those in need. You can

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give at Mass or through our on-line giving platform.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Mary Jane Ruthven

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Mary Jackson

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Christine Kersten

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

Saturday, April 5th, following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Sunday, April 6th - 9:15 a.m. Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

Saturday, April 26th (corrected date) following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

(2-year program)

Thursday, April 10th - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com



During this Lenten season,
our parish is again
gathering items for the
WASHINGTON/WARREN
and ROXBURY FOOD BANKS.
Presently there is a great
need for Progresso soups,
canned fruit, mayo, pasta and
pasta sauces (all varieties),

sugar and flour, canned vegetables (NOT canned green bean, corn or potatoes), peanut butter, jelly, coffee (regular and decaf), dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels. Please leave your donations in the Church Hall or at the back of the Church. THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support, which is so greatly appreciated by all who need food and other goods.

TRUST IN THE LORD....

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

- Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$22 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2024, we were able to provide over \$1,000,000 to over 160 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese.
- Organizations such as the Roxbury Relief Fund, the Washington-Warren Food Bank and the Washington Community Fund right here in our own towns received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who do not live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent in Msgr. Carnicke Hall. This event is open to all - bring your friends and neighbors for a warm winter gathering. Several choices of soup are offered, along with bread, beverages, snacks and dessert. Supper will be followed at 6:00 p.m. by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. The Women's Guild of Our Lady Parish is sponsoring these events. If you would like to offer your assistance in any way, please call Jean at 860-868-2522 or Isabel at 860-355-3238.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Followed by Benediction

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 6:00 P.M.

PARISH REGISTRATION.....

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census num-

bers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish

count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission.

Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Call Suzanne at the Parish Office if you wish to register.



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